GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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EXPORT OF FILMS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Indian films exported during the last three years and the income generated through it, year-wise, language-wise;

(b) the number of Tamil, Hindi, Telugu and Malayalam feature films were given distributing rights to foreign countries during the above period, country-wise, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government have given any concession or relaxation for the import of foreign feature films, educational films and documentaries and the Mumbai export of such films; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF TH MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) the Government does not maintain any details regarding export of films. However, details of the Indian films exported during the last three years and the income generated from this as ascertained from Indian Film Exporters Association, is given below;

Year	No. of titles Exported (Approx.)	Export earnings
1997-98	190	Rs.200 crores
1998-99	180	Rs.250 crores
1999-2000	240	Rs.400 crores

(b) According to the Indian Film Exporters Association nearly 99% of the films exported by the Indian film industry are Hindi films. These films are regularly exported to UK, USA, UAE, Tanzania, Kenya, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Mauritius, Singapore, Indonesia, Fiji, Canada, Thailand, Hongkong, Myanmar etc. UK and USA have continued to be the big markets for Hindi films.

(c)&(d) No concession or relaxation is given for the import of feature films into the country. Imports of feature films are regulated by the Public Notice No.4(PN)/97-02 dated 31.3.97 as amended from time to time. Documentary films and educational films are exempted from following the procedure prescribed for import as given in the import policy for films.

The earnings from film software exports are fully exempted under Section 80 HHF of the Income Tax Act 1961. Exporters can also claim duty drawback on the export of prints at the rate determined by the Government from time to time.